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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.1 OF 2026
WITH
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WP NO.3223 OF 2025 (F),
MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.983 OF 2026 (F)**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.1 OF 2026
HIGH COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION
(TRAGEDY TAKEN PLACE AT ARPORA IN
A TRAGIC FIRE INCIDENT) ... PETITIONER**

Versus

**STATE OF GOA THROUGH THE CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 57 ORS ... RESPONDENTS**

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Mr. Rohit Bras De Sa, Advocate - Amicus Curiae with Ms Priti Deshprabhu, Advocate.

Mr. Devidas J. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr Deep Shirodkar, Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.1, 2, 4 to 13, 49 and 50.

Mr. Parikshit Sawant and Mr Sachin Raul, Advocate for Respondent No.7, 26 and Village Panchayat of Arpora.

Mr Hanumant D. Naik, Advocate with Ms. Divya Naik, Advocate for Respondent No.14.

Mr. Somnath Karpe, Advocate with Mr. Anand Shirodkar and Ms Samiksha Vaigankar, Advocates for Respondent No.17.

Mr. Vinoj K. Daniel and Mr N. Naik, Advocate for Respondent No.18.

Mr Prayash Shirodkar and Ms Diksha Apte, Advocate for Respondent No.20 - Mapusa Municipal Council.

Mr. Devidas J. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Maria Simone J. Correia, Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.1 to 5 and 8 to 11 in PILWP No.3223 of 2025(F).

Mr V. Surlakar and Mr Savio Misquita, Advocates for Respondent No.33.

Mr D.Gaonkar and Mr Akhil Govekar, Advocate for the Respondent No. 32.

Mr Pankaj Vernekar, Advocate for the Respondent No.28.

Mr Omkar Kulkarni, Advocate for the Respondent No.29

Mr A. F. Diniz, Senior Advocate with Mr Anugrah Ghatwal and Mr I Santimano, thorgh VC, Advocates for the Respondent No.51.

Mr Parag Rao, Advocate with Mr S. Singbal and Ms V. Mahato, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 53 and 54.

Mr A. Agni, Senior Advocate with Ms Juniad Shaikh and Ms Anamika Raul, Advocate for the Respondent No. 55.

Mr Shivan Desai, Advocate with Ms Maria Viegas, Advocate for the Respondent No. 56 and 57.

Mr Chirag Angle and Mr Varad Deshprabhu, Advocate for the Respondent No.58.

Mr G. Teles and Ms Natasha Rai, Advocate for the Respondent No.23.

Mr Pranay Kamat, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 26,27, 30, 31, 44 to 47.

Mr Zeller D'Sousa, Advocate for the Respondent No.35.

Ms Annelise Fernandes, Advocate for the Respondent No.34.

Mr Vivek Vas, Advocate for the Respondent No.40.

Mr S. Sahakari, Advocate for the Respondent No.43.

Mr S. Sahakari, Advocate holding for Mr B. Olivera, Advocate for the Respondent No.38.

Mr Sahil Sardessai, Advoc ate for the Respondent No.37

Ms B. Fatarpekar, Advocate for the Respondent No.28.

**CORAM:- VALMIKI MENEZES &
AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, JJ.**

DATED :- 8th April, 2026

P.C.

The affidavit of Respondent No. 51, who was serving as the Sarpanch of Village Panchayat, Arpora at the time of the incident, is taken on record.

2. Affidavit of Respondent Nos. 52, 53, 54 and 55 shall be filed in the Registry during the course of the day. So also the affidavit of Respondent Nos. 56 and 57 and Respondent No. 32 shall also be filed in the Registry during the course of the day.

3. List this matter on 5.5.2026 to first consider the issue as to whether any compensation and issuance of attachment of assets of the Occupier/Owners/Public Servant.

4. List Misc. Civil Application No. 983/2026/F which is circulated today along with this Petition.

AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J. VALMIKI MENEZES, J.